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New Jersey's Corn and Soybean Production Unchanged from the August 1 Forecast

Note: Yield forecasts in this report are based on conditions around September 1 and do not reflect changes in conditions since that time.

- **Corn** production is forecast at 6.89 million bushels, unchanged from the August 1, 2005 forecast but down 33 percent from last year. Producers expect 113 bushels per acre for the 2005 crop. The state record yield per acre is 143 bushels, set in 2004. The 10-year (1995-2004) state average yield is 101.9 bushels per acre. Area harvested for grain, at 61,000 acres, down 11,000 acres from 2004.
- **Soybean** yield is forecast at 35 bushels per acre, unchanged from the August 1, 2005 forecast but down 7 bushels from the previous year. The state record yield per acre is 42 bushels, set in 2004. The 10-year average yield is 31.3 bushels. Production is expected to total 3.54 million bushels, down 18 percent from 2004. Soybean harvested area is expected to total 101,000 acres, 2,000 acres less than 2004.
- **Summer potato** yield is forecast at 265 cwt per acre, down 10 cwt from the July forecast and 5 cwt below last year. Sustained dry conditions in July and August resulted in smaller tuber size. Production of summer potatoes is forecast at 557,000 cwt in 2005, which is 6 percent below the 2004 final production.

Acreage, Yield, and Production of Corn, Soybeans, and Summer Potatoes, September 1, Forecast

Crop	Unit	Acres for Harvest			Yield per Acre			Production		
		Final 2004	Aug 1 2005 Forecast	Sept 1 2005 Forecast	Final 2004	Aug 1 2005 Forecast	Sept 1 2005 Forecast	Final 2004	Aug 1 2005 Forecast	Sept 1 2005 Forecast
NEW JERSEY		- Thousand Acres -			- Units -			- Thousand Units -		
Corn for grain	Bu.	72	61	61	143.0	113.0	113.0	10,296	6,893	6,893
Soybeans	Bu.	103	101	101	42.0	35.0	35.0	4,326	3,535	3,535
Summer Potatoes	Cwt.	2.2	1/	2.1	270.0	1/	265.0	594	1/	557
UNITED STATES		- Thousand Acres -			- Units -			- Million Units -		
Corn for grain	Bu.	73,632	74,368	74,318	160.4	139.2	143.2	11,807.2	10,349.8	10,638.7
Soybeans	Bu.	73,958	72,184	72,184	42.5	38.7	39.6	3,141.0	2,791.1	2,856.4
Summer Potatoes	Cwt.	53.9	1/	48.3	340.0	1/	334.0	18.3	1/	16.1

1/ Not available.

Note: The next crop production forecast will be released October 12, 2005.

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